

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image verification apparatus comprising:

a verification unit adapted to ~~verify~~ which verifies whether a digital image
included in an image file has been altered; and

a display form change unit ~~adapted to change~~ which changes a display form of
~~accessory~~ additional information ~~[[of]]~~ included in the image file ~~[[when]]~~ if said verification
unit verifies that the digital image file is detected to have has been altered.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim
1, wherein said display form change unit ~~includes unit adapted to erase~~ avoids displaying the
~~accessory~~ additional information ~~of the image file~~ if said verification unit verifies that the digital
image has been altered.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim
1, wherein said display form change unit ~~includes unit adapted to add~~ displays a predetermined
sign ~~[[to]]~~ with the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~of the image file~~ if said verification unit
verifies that the digital image has been altered.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim
1, wherein the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~contains~~ includes information ~~[[on]]~~ relating to
the image file.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim
1, wherein the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~contains~~ includes information ~~[[on]]~~ relating to
an apparatus which ~~[[has]]~~ generated the image file.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said verification unit ~~includes unit adapted to detect~~ verifies whether the digital image ~~[[file]]~~ has been altered, ~~[[by]]~~ using a common key of common key cryptography.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said verification unit ~~includes unit adapted to detect~~ verifies whether the digital image ~~[[file]]~~ has been altered, ~~[[by]]~~ using a public key of public key cryptography.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~An image verification~~ A method of displaying additional information included in an image file, said method comprising the steps of:

~~a verification step of~~ verifying whether ~~[[an]]~~ a digital image included in the image file has been altered; and

~~a display form change step of~~ changing a display form of ~~accessory~~ the additional information ~~[[of]]~~ included in the image file ~~[[when]]~~ if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image file is detected to have has been altered.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, ~~wherein the~~ display form change step includes a further comprising the step of:

erasing avoiding displaying the ~~accessory~~ additional information of the image file if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, ~~wherein the~~ display form change step includes a further comprising the step of:

adding displaying a predetermined sign ~~[[to]]~~ with the ~~accessory~~ additional information of the image file if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, wherein the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~contains~~ includes information ~~[[on]]~~ relating to the image file.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, wherein the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~contains~~ includes information ~~[[on]]~~ relating to an apparatus which ~~[[has]]~~ generated the image file.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, wherein ~~the verification step includes a step of detecting whether the image file has been altered, by using a~~ common key of common key cryptography is used to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, wherein ~~the verification step includes a step of detecting whether the image file has been altered, by using a~~ public key of public key cryptography is used to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

Claim 15 (canceled).

Claim 16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the additional information includes a thumbnail image of the digital image.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, wherein the additional information includes a thumbnail image of the digital image.